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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTION OF
MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AND PERSONNEL

REFS: (A) USNATO 03919 DTG 171425Z APR 78, (B) STATE
107878 DTG 272049Z APR 78, (C) USNATO 03436 DTG 050901Z
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SUMMARY: MSG ADVISES STATE OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN TO
FURTHER US, UK AND CANADA'S EFFORTS TO RESOLVE NETHER-
LANDS WATER POLLUTION ISSUE THROUGH INFLUENCING THE
SUBSTANCE AND TENOR OF THE PROPOSED DRAFT REPORT TO
COUNCIL PREPARED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THIS
ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

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1. AS REQUESTED, COMMENTS, REF B, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED
TO UK AND CANADIAN NATO MISSIONS. WE WILL FORWARD
PROMPTLY REACTION/COMMENTS MISSIONS MAY HAVE ON DEPART-
MENT'S VIEWS CONCERNING CHAIRMAN LE JEUNE'S PROPOSED
DRAFT TO COUNCIL.

2. LETTER TO MR. LE JEUNE FROM MR. FIELDS CONVEYING, ESSENTIALLY, DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS (REF B) WAS DELIVERED TO LE JEUNE BY MBC REPRESENTATIVE (DENNEHY) ON 9 MAY 78. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION CONCERNING LETTER BETWEEN LE JEUNE/DENNEHY SUGGESTS BEST TACTIC IS TO DRAFT A COUNTER-DRAFT PROPOSAL REFLECTING OFF-SHORE NATIONS' POINT OF VIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCUSSION AT THE 6 JUL 78 MEETING. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT A MAJORITY/MINORITY REPORT OR DISSENTING REPORT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE SINCE THE COUNCIL, WITHOUT A SOLUTION, WOULD NEED TO FORM ANOTHER COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. HOPEFULLY, THE CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT (REF A) AND THE OFF-SHORE MEMBERS' RE-DRAFT COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE 6 JUL 78 MEETING AND LEAD TO A NEW DRAFT COMBINING FEATURES OF BOTH TO INCLUDE THE ESSENTIAL ARGUMENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE OFF-SHORE NATIONS.

3. CHAIRMAN LE JEUNE ASSURES US HE IS AMENABLE TO THIS APPROACH.

4. WE BELIEVE MR. FIELDS (AND HIS LEGAL TEAM) ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO THE COUNCIL. REQUEST THAT MR. FIELDS AND HIS ASSOCIATES SCHUBERT, STINE, AND GRAHAM CONTINUE TO REPRESENT US AT THE 6 JUL (AND POSSIBLY 7 JUL) 1978 MEETING.
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5. FOR MR. FIELDS: PROPOSE (AS BEFORE PREVIOUS MEETING) THAT US, UK AND CANADIAN TEAM CHIEFS MEET AT US MBC REP'S HOME EVENING OF 5 JUL 78 FOR A WORKING DINNER TO DISCUSS DRAFT STRATEGY, TACTICS, ETC., PRIOR TO AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING.

6. REQUESTED ACTION: PLEASE ADVISE US OF AGREEMENT WITH PREPARING A SUBSTITUTE DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS. BENNETT

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